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SUMMER 2010

Class of 2010



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Ready, Set, Graduate!

Have you ever filled out a check, deposit slip, balanced a checkbook, filled out a loan application? Well most high school graduating seniors have not. That is why the U of A Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service teamed up with local businesses and area schools to present a "real world" financial management experience.

Seniors from Paris, Magazine and Scranton participated in the "Ready, Set, Graduate" program, hosted on the PHS campus. With this program, high school seniors learned and practiced skills in budgeting, banking and the wise use of credit that they will use for a lifetime.

The seniors participated in educational classes on Thursday, April 8 to learn how to write checks, balance a checkbook, budget expenses and how to start a line of credit. They had to choose a career and calculate their proposed monthly budget based on the expected salary for that career.

On Friday, April 9, the seniors attended the "Mall of Life." Banks, car dealers, insurance agents, realtors, utility companies and several other Logan County businesses were set up in the PHS auxiliary gym. The seniors visited each booth to make choices on whether to rent or buy a house/apartment, which car to buy, insure both house and car and choose utility providers.

The seniors were then able to fill in their actual monthly expenses, comparing them with their previously proposed expenses. Some of the seniors were not so pleasantly surprised by their budgets but they do feel that the program helped them to see what it will be like after graduation as they enter the "real world."



Project Graduation

A 2006 National survey showed that 73% of high school seniors have tried alcohol. For many youth, drinking is a major part of celebrating. Paris' Project Graduation is an organized event that promotes an alcohol-free/drug-free celebration through games, food, door prizes, music and karaoke at the National Guard Armory, beginning shortly after the graduation ceremony on May 14. This event encourages the graduates to have fun in a safe environment as a way to honor their achievements.

The parents of the Class of 2010 graduates have organized and raised funds for this event all year long. The fundraisers included a rummage sale, raffles, prom dress fair, Grandparents' and Graduates dinner and the Possum Queen Pageant.

Over the last two years, Project graduation has grown from 55% attendance in 2008 to 65% in 2009 and 68% have signed up in advance to attend this year. Parents, with the help and donations from individuals in the community and local businesses, have raised over \$5000 for Project Graduation 2010.

Project Graduation has become a Paris High tradition and an important part of the graduation celebration. We invite you to join us in continuing this tradition of keeping our students and community safe, as the parents of our graduating seniors continue to provide this special event.



Honor Students

CLASS OF 2010

DALTON ABSHER	LYNSIE HICE
CHASE ASKINS	MEGAN KNIGHT
MATTHEW BARRY	PACHIA LOR
WILLIAM BORNMANN	MORGAN MIDDLEBROOKS
CHRISTOPHER BOWEN	BROOKE MINGS
JORDANA BOWEN	EDMUNDO NERIA
ASHLEY BRANDENBURG	BENJAMIN NEUMEIER
ANDREW BREWER	SAMUEL PEREZ
KEITH BROWN	CLETIS RIEDER
KRISTINA BUNCH	HANNAH SCHMALZ
KARA COOPER	SIDNEY SMITH
ARIAN CORDELL	CLINT SUMMERS
STEPHANIE CORLEY	JOE THOMPSON
MICHELE DUGGAR	JANET THURMAN
JESSICA ELLINGBERG	SHELBY TIPPIT
MARKIE FONDREN	RICHARD TRUSTY
LYNDELL FOSTER	SABRINA VARNELL
ZACHERY GRAY	JOSH VINES
SHELBY GRIGG	KELSY VINES
STEPHANIE HATCHER	MATTHEW WILSON
MICHAEL HELTON	ASHLEY WOOTEN
BRITTANY HICE	IVY YOUNG

CLASS OF 2012

JASCINDA BAUMGARTNER	CARRIE HIBBS
SARA BLASCHKE	COLLIN HUTSON
LAUREN BROADBENT	KAITLYN TRUSTY
BRISTOL CHILTON	TUBKEEN VAHCHUAMA
JESSICA ECKELHOFF	SARAH VALENTINE
MEGAN FEATHERSTON	DESTINY WILKS
KRISTINA FULMER	PA TSIA YANG

CLASS OF 2011

ANTHONY ARNDT
ALIVIA BIGGS
REBECCA BROADBENT
COLTON DISHONGH
AMANDA ELSKEN
AARON HAMILTON
REBECCA LOWE
ADRIANNA MARTIN
MEGAN MOORE
STACI RIETMAN
ALISHA ROBBERSON
ABBEY STEPHENS
MEGAN STEVENS
RAEGAN TRUSTY
SOPHIE VINCENT
SARA WATKINS

CLASS OF 2013

SKYLER ADAMS
ALISON CANADA
SHANE CHAMPION
MEGAN GOAD
KEARSTEN HANEY
ANGELIQUE HOWARD
BROOKE KNOLES
JOLEE LEONARD
HARRISON RAMSEY
DONNY SMITH
HAILEY TIPPIT
STEVIE WOODS

Arkansas Governor's School Attendees

The Arkansas Governor's School is a four-week summer residential program for gifted and talented students who are upcoming Arkansas high school seniors. The program is funded by the Arkansas State Legislature and will be held June 13-July 10 this year. It is a non-credit program that creates a unique experience for a select group of Arkansas' best students—the potential leaders of the 21st century. Students are selected on the basis of their special skills in one of eight subjects: Choral Music, Drama, English/Language Arts, Instrumental Music, Mathematics, Natural Science, Social Science or Visual Arts.

Congratulations to Abby Stephens (Natural Science), Anthony Arndt (Natural Science) and Hunter Featherston (Choral Music) for being selected from Paris High School to attend AGS this summer.



Alumni Campaign: "Each One, Reach One"

Paris School District is currently in the process of trying to expand and keep our database growing, to include as many fellow alumni as possible. Paris School District has created this database to help alumni stay connected, informing them of any upcoming events, outstanding accomplishments and improvements in our district. It is also a way for PHS alumni to stay in touch with each other about upcoming class reunions or just to say hello. In brainstorming for ways to expand the PHS alumni database, the "Each One, Reach One" campaign was born. The idea behind this campaign is to ask alumni who are currently listed in our database to contact fellow alumni to encourage them to submit their contact information to be included in our database. I know we all lead very busy lives with work, children and family obligations. As an incentive for helping with this campaign, the top three alumni, referring the most new fellow alumni will receive one of three prizes: a TomTom XL 325 GPS Navigation system, Kodak EasyShare M320 digital camera bundle (both donated by our local Walmart) or a dinner for two from Rogerland Restaurant (donated by Daniel Rogers.) The campaign began on April 19 and will end on May 21, with prizes being announced on May 24, 2010. For more information, contact Tonya Varnell at 479-963-3243 or tvarnell@parisschools.org.



Hall of Fame

The Paris Board of Education realizes the success of a school and community is determined by the combined dedication and efforts of many people. However, the contributions of individuals can have a significant impact on the whole. To recognize those individual contributions, the board established the Paris Hall of Fame during the 2007-2008 school year. The Class of 2010 honorees chosen to be inducted into the Paris Hall of Fame were James Bridges and Reese Rowland.

Bridges was a 1954 Paris Graduate, who went on to become a world-renowned actor, stage manager, script writer and film director. He directed films including *The Paper Chase* and *Urban Cowboy*.

Rowland was a 1984 Paris Graduate, who went on to become a nationally-recognized, award-winning architect, dedicated to creating sustainable designs. He has designed several buildings on the Paris School District campus as well as the new Heifer Education Center and Acxiom's River Market Tower.



National History Day Competition

Over the past several months, Paris Middle School students have been eagerly preparing their projects for the National History Day (NHD) competition. Students in grades fifth through eighth participated on the school level. Sixth through Eighth grade qualifying students had the opportunity to compete nationally.

The theme of this year's NHD contest was Innovation in History: Impact and Change. The PMS students had the opportunity to choose between several types of entries: documentary, exhibit, paper, performance or Web site. After the students chose their topics based on the above theme, researched these topics, chose their type of entry and created their projects, they were required to present their projects in class during January. The teachers chose the best projects based on historical quality, clarity of presentation and adherence to theme. These are also the judging criteria used during the district, state and national levels of this competition.

On February 1, several school district faculty members and members of the community judged the students' projects and presentations. Mike Ross and John Paul Wells were also present at the competition to show their support. The top winners chosen to represent Paris schools in the District Competition at Alma, AR on March 16th were: Ashley Fulmer, Kennedy Powell, Joseph Day, Jack Hertlein, Ashlin Forbis, Der Yang, Allison Robberson, Delaney Wilks, Hunter Allen, Abbi Baird, Shaun May, Katlyn Collier, Mattie Huber, Grant Hutson, Kaylee Johnson, Charlie Conkin, Cade Johnson, Annabeth Robertson, Makenna Hudson, Becky Hatcher, Madison Clark, Callie Bauer, Rachel Hamilton and Madison Adams.

Ashlin Forbis, sixth grade student, was honored with first place in the Junior Individual Exhibit category during the District History Day competition held at Alma High School. This was one of the largest and most competitive categories at the competition. Ashlin went on to compete in the State History Day competition, held at the University of Central Arkansas on April 17th and placed 3rd in her category.



Student of Excellence in History

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently they recognized Skyler Rietman, Paris Middle School student, as a student of excellence in History. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American students. Rietman was nominated for this honor by Mrs. Nicole Edwards, sixth grade social studies teacher at PMS. The standards for selection include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a qualified sponsor. Rietman will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook, published nationally.

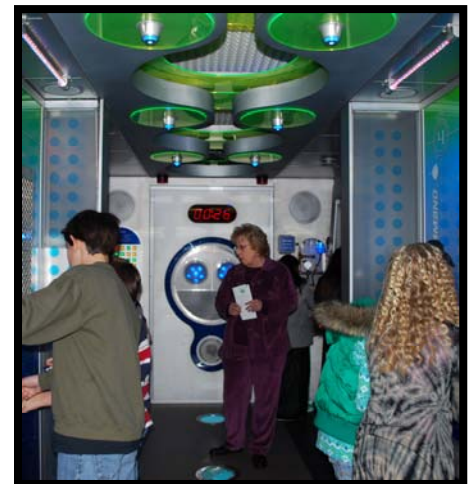


Planet "X" Mobile Science Lab

The Race for Planet "X" mobile science lab recently visited Paris Middle School sixth grade students on March 3rd. The mobile lab is only available in Arkansas and is free of charge to sixth grade students thanks to funding by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

This exciting experience is a "museum on wheels" with 10 interactive exhibits designed to engage visitors in engineering skills. Students had the opportunity to execute assignments on computer aided design, aerodynamic testing and laser beam splitting to gather information about Planet 'X'. The students were able to use Computer-Aided Design skills to design a probe to explore the surface of Planet "X", test probe designs in the aerodynamic test chamber, use a laser beam to find the best location to land the probe, explore the surface with a remote-control rover, decode secret messages for mission assignments, program the onboard computer to make announcements to the crew, design buildings to withstand the known "planet-quakes", map the weather on the planet, investigate soil samples and maintain the ship's delicate fuel cells.

These mobile educational exhibits are aligned with the 2005 Arkansas Science Education Framework for sixth grade. Paris Middle School sixth grade science students, along with science teacher, June Gilbreath, enjoyed a one of a kind experience exploring Planet "X".



Body Walk

University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture sponsored a recent hands-on activity at Paris Elementary, the Body Walk, for the first through fourth grade classes in the PES gymnasium. The Body Walk is a 37' x 30' educational exhibit that simulates the human body. Students learned the importance of nutrition, health, and fitness. PHS HEROES team and Coach Shawn Vicker's anatomy students helped walk the PES students through each station of the body exhibit, explaining the functions of each.



Summer Opportunities for Academic Richness (S.O.A.R.)

Paris Public Schools are offering a number of free summer enrichment camps for students enrolled in the Paris Schools. Below is a list of the activities available by grade level. Please keep in mind these dates are tentative, details are subject to change and additional activities may be added. So please call the phone numbers listed below to pre-register and verify the dates, times and locations.

- **Beginning Geocaching:** current grades 3-5, June 3-4 - learn the basics of geocaching
- **How the Dead Speak:** current grades 5-8, June 3-4 - historical significance of local cemeteries
- **Exploring the World of Miniature Artwork:** current grades 3-4, June 7-11 - artwork of Bruce Metcalf
- **Backyard History:** current grades 5-8, June 7 - exploring local historical sites
- **Photography:** current grades 5-8, June 8-11 - introduction to photography
- **Watercolor Basics:** current grades 5-8, June 14-16 - basic watercolor concepts
- **Floorcloths:** current grades 5-8, June 14-16 - use recycled linoleum remnants as canvas for floor art
- **Family Scrapbooking:** current grades 5-8, June 21 - creating keepsake through pictures and journaling
- **Paper Making & Poetry:** current grades 5-8, June 22-24 - write original poetry on own recycled paper
- **Sweet Style: Food & Fun:** current grades 5-8, June 22-24 - focus on hospitality, meal planning, food prep
- **Intro to Wood Carving:** current 5-8, June 24-25 - learn basics and safety of wood carving
- **Space Camp:** current 4th graders, July 1-2 - participate in hands-on space activities
- **African Adventures:** current Kindergarten & 1st graders, July 19-23 - learn about Africa's animals
- **Ice Capades:** current 2nd & 3rd graders, July 20-21 - experiment and learn about the uses of ice
- **Bowling:** current grades 5-12, Dates TBA - learn the sport of bowling
- **Geocaching:** current grades 5-12, Dates TBA - learn how to geocache
- **Fishing:** current grades 5-12, June 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 30, July 2, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 28 - learn how to fish

Most of the activities offered will include short field trips as well. These activities are being offered at no charge to the students. The goal of the program is to provide fun hands-on activities to students outside of the classroom. For more information or to pre-register, please contact the school of the coordinating grade level where the activity is being offered as soon as possible.



2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

12 OPEN HOUSE-ALL CAMPUSES
9-13 DISTRICT-WIDE PROFESSIONAL DVLMP
19 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

6 LABOR DAY; NO SCHOOL
15-16 ALGEBRA I RETEST

OCTOBER

12 GRADE 6 WRITING FIELD TEST
15 END 1ST QUARTER; 41 DAYS
21 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
22 PROFESSIONAL DAY; NO STUDENTS; NOT FLEX DAY

NOVEMBER

24-26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

20-21 SEMESTER TESTS
21 END 2ND QUARTER; 43 DAYS

JANUARY

5 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
17 PROFESSIONAL DVLMP

FEBRUARY

8-9 11TH GRADE LITERACY TEST
11 WINTER BREAK; NO SCHOOL
14 PRESIDENTS' DAY; NO SCHOOL

MARCH

11 END 3RD QUARTER; 45 DAYS
17 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
18 PROFESSIONAL DVLMP; NO STUDENTS; FLEX DAY
21-25 STATE-WIDE SPRING BREAK

APRIL

4-15 K-2 & 9TH GRADES NRT TESTING WINDOW
11-15 3-8 GRADES BENCHMARK TESTING
18-19 END OF COURSE GEOMETRY TEST
26-27 END OF COURSE BIOLOGY TEST

MAY

4 ALGEBRA II EXAM
10-11 END OF COURSE ALGEBRA I EXAM
13 GRADUATION
26-27 SEMESTER TESTS
27 END 4TH QUARTER; 49 DAYS; LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
30 MEMORIAL DAY

SNOW DAY(S) MAKE-UP ORDER
FEB 11; MAY 31; JUNE 1, 2, 3

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